Site # WA-HAG-215

Date: Ca. 1920

Property Name: (Historic) Martin Storage Company

(Present) same/Allied Van Lines

Location: 701 Pennsylvania Avenue

Hagerstown, Maryland

Access: private X, public \_\_\_\_

Description:

Located at the junction of the Western Maryland
Railway's Baltimore and northern lines, this brick warehouse
building is a two story structure with corbeled panels
defining the bays. First story windows have been redesigned
in recent years, but second story front windows are of the
multi-paned metal hopper type. The building has a brick
stepped parapet with a central arched section within which
is a brick diamond pattern embellishment. The most
distinguishing feature of the building is the old painted
signage for Allied Van Lines which includes a central panel
mural of a 1950s Allied Truck. This mural has been
protected during subsequent repainting of the building.

Significance:

The Martin Storage/Allied Van Lines building is one of several industrial/commercial complexes located along the rail lines in western Hagerstown. Clearly oriented to both rail and truck transportation, this building illustrates Hagerstown's importance as a transportation hub in the early 20th century. The building is also significant for the rare survival of the 1950s signage depicting an Allied Van of that period.

## Historic Context:

Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data

Geographic Organization: Western Maryland

Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

Economic/Social/Cultural Architecture

Resource Type: Rail-Related Resources

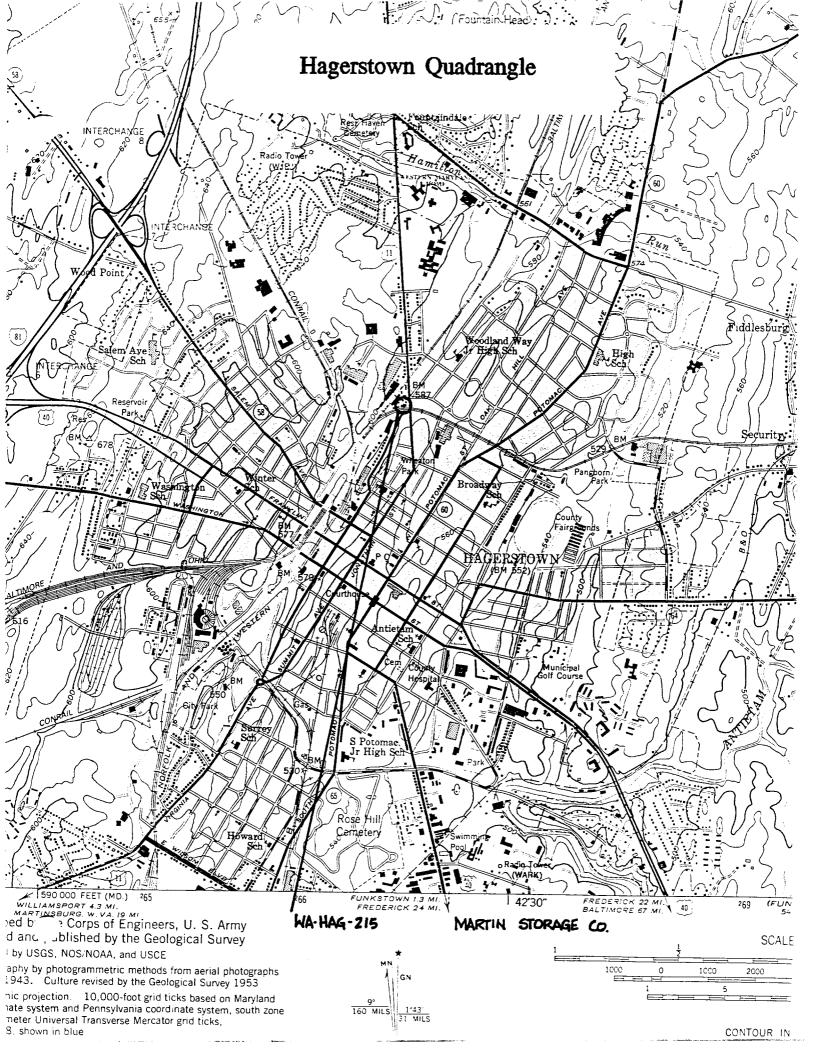
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